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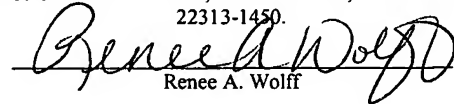
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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the non-final Office Action, mailed November 21, 2005, regarding the above-identified patent application. Please amend claims 21 and 31 as shown in the following claim listing. Allowance of claims 21-36 in view of the following remarks, is respectfully requested.